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Loss-of-function of transforming growth factor-beta receptor II (TGFBR2) is most prevalent in colorectal cancer. Over 60% of colorectal cancers with microsatellite instability (MSI) harbor inactivating mutations in both alleles of TGFBR2, mostly 1 or 2 bp deletions in the 10 bp adenine repeat that codes for three lysine residues in the extracellular domain of TGFBR2. These small deletions result in a frameshift and a premature stop codon (Markowitz et al. 1995). TGFBR2 kinase domain (KD) mutations are found in ~20% of microsatellite stable (MSS) colorectal cancers and these are mostly missense mutations that results in substitution of conserved amino acids in the kinase domain (Grady et al. 1999), likely impairing the catalytic activity of TGFBR2 KD mutants. The silencing of TGFBR2 gene via promoter methylation has been reported in B-cell lymphoma (Chen et al. 2007). Knockout of murine Tgfbr2 in colonic epithelium promotes azoxymethane-induced colon cancer formation (Biswas et al. 2004) and increases the number of adenomas and adenocarcinomas in Apc+/- mice (Muñoz et al. 2006).

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The short adenine repeat in the coding sequence of TGF-beta receptor II (TGFBR2) gene is frequently targeted by loss-of-function frameshift mutations in colon cancers with microsatellite instability (MSI). The 1- or 2-bp deletions in the adenine stretch of TGFBR2 cDNA introduce a premature stop codon that leads to degradation of the majority of mutant transcripts through nonsense-mediated decay or to production of a truncated TGFBR2 that cannot be presented on the cell surface. Cells that harbor TGFBR2 MSI frameshift mutations are resistant to TGF-beta (TGFB1)-mediated growth inhibition.

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Missense mutations in the kinase domain (KD) of TGF-beta receptor II (TGFBR2) are found in ~20% of microsatellite stable (MSS) colon cancers and make affected tumors resistant to TGF-beta (TGFB1)-mediated growth inhibition (Grady et al. 1999). While both alleles of TGFBR2 are affected by inactivating mutations in MSS colorectal cancer (Grady et al. 1999), a study of MSS esophageal carcinoma indicates that TGFBR2 KD mutations may function in a dominant-negative way (Tanaka et al. 2000). KD mutations in TGFBR2 are rarely reported in microsatellite instable (MSI) colorectal cancer (Parsons et al. 1995, Takenoshita et al. 1997).

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